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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Special Registration Plates for Motorcycles - Veterans and**
3 **Recipients of Combat-Related Medals**

4 FOR the purpose of adding Class D (motorcycle) vehicles to the list of vehicle classes
5 for which certain special registration plates may be obtained by honorably
6 discharged veterans of the U.S. armed forces or by recipients of certain
7 combat-related armed forces medals; and generally relating to special
8 registration for motorcycles.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Transportation
11 Section 13-619.1
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Transportation**

17 13-619.1.

18 (a) (1) The owner of a motor vehicle, or a lessee of the vehicle under a lease
19 not intended as security, or a director, officer, employee, or partner of a business
20 entity that owns the vehicle may apply to the Administration for the assignment of a
21 special registration number and special registration plates under this section for a
22 vehicle included in one of the following classes:

- 1 (i) A Class A (passenger) vehicle;
- 2 (ii) A Class E (truck) vehicle with a one ton or less manufacturer's
3 rated capacity; [or]
- 4 (iii) A Class M (multipurpose) vehicle; OR
- 5 (IV) A CLASS D (MOTORCYCLE) VEHICLE.

6 (2) To be eligible for a special registration under subsection (c)(2)(i) of
7 this section, an applicant shall provide proof that is satisfactory to the Administration
8 that the applicant is a recipient of an individually earned, combat-related, armed
9 forces medal.

10 (3) To be eligible for a special registration under subsection (c)(2)(ii) of
11 this section, an applicant shall provide proof that is satisfactory to the Administration
12 that the applicant is an honorably discharged veteran of a branch of the armed forces
13 of the United States.

14 (b) (1) In addition to the annual registration fee otherwise required under
15 this title, an owner of a vehicle assigned a special registration under this section shall
16 pay a fee as determined by the Administration each time new registration plates are
17 issued for the vehicle. The fee shall be calculated to recover the costs incurred by the
18 Administration in carrying out the provisions of this section.

19 (2) The additional fee charged under this section shall be retained by the
20 Administration for the purpose of recovering the Administration's costs under this
21 section, and may not be credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account
22 for distribution under § 8-403 or § 8-404 of this article.

23 (c) Special registration plates issued under this section:

24 (1) May consist of any combination of letters, numerals, or both; and

25 (2) Shall include:

26 (i) 1. An emblem or logo as authorized by the Administration
27 that depicts the medal; and

28 2. ~~Words~~ EXCEPT ON PLATES ISSUED FOR CLASS D
29 (MOTORCYCLE) VEHICLES, WORDS describing the medal printed across the bottom of
30 the plates; or

31 (ii) Words or an emblem or logo indicating that the special
32 registration plate holder is an honorably discharged veteran of a branch of the armed
33 forces of the United States.

34 (d) (1) The Administration, in consultation with the U.S. Department of
35 Defense and appropriate representatives of the various branches of the armed forces,
36 shall adopt regulations specifying those armed forces medals that are of the type

1 described in subsection (a)(2) of this section and which, when awarded to an
2 individual, qualify that individual to apply for special registration under this section.

3 (2) The Administration may adopt other regulations as necessary to
4 govern the issuance of special registration numbers and special registration plates
5 under this section.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 ~~July~~ October 1, 2002.